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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed 05/27/2010 will be entered because it simplifies issues for a possible appeal.

The amendment has overcome the objection to claim 18, the rejection of claims 18 and 19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and the rejection of claim 4 under either of the primary prior art references. The remaining rejections stand.

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